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In re the Application of: **Akio ISHIKAWA et al.**

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Examiner: **Naeem U. Haq**

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CONTROL METHOD**

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCESSING REQUESTED

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Commissioner for Patents

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Date: May 9, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 12, 2005, **the response date of which
having been extended by one month to May 12, 2005**, Applicants amend the claims as follows
and submit the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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